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**LETTER TO THE EXAMINER REQUESTING  
APPROVAL OF THE CHANGES TO THE DRAWINGS**

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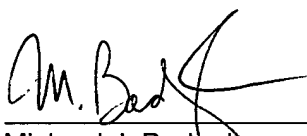
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner having jurisdiction over the subject application approve the amendments to the drawings as indicated in RED on the attached copy of FIGS. 1-2 and 4-7.

Respectfully submitted,

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